

### **Allen Edward Barnes, 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment**

The inscription on the memorial headstone to Mabel Annie Barnes who died on 16th January 1970, aged 88 years, also mentions Edward Allen Barnes, missing in action, 1916.

Mabel Annie Barnes, nee Dodkin, was the wife of A. E. Barnes, (the order of the names change probably as his father was also called Allen so it made sense to be called by his second name in everyday use), who was killed on 20th July 1916, who has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.

21772, Allen Edward Barnes, of 2nd Bn Suffolk Regiment, was probably killed and missing in action as a result of the 2nd Suffolk's advance on Longueval and Delville Wood to relieve other troops as part of the Somme Battles. Records state that at 03.55am on 20th July the 2nd Suffolks advanced, but the two lead companies of the Suffolks were almost entirely wiped out. He was aged 32.

His parents lived in Heydon, while his wife, on whose headstone he is remembered in 1970 as still 'missing in action', lived at the time in St John's Street. They were married in 1910 and possibly had one son, Henry A Barnes in 1911.